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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

WILLIAM THOMSON
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-42 are represented for the examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claim 42 is ejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because they are directed to non-statutory subject matter.

3. Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S. C. 101 because the claimed invention, appearing to be comprised of software alone without claiming associated computer hardware required for execution.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims **1-6, 8-42** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalit (US 2002/0122391 A1) in view of Peon et al (US. Patent 7,133665 B1).

As to claim 1, Shalit teaches the invention substantially as claimed including: one request(request, para[0028], ln 1-5/ para[0093], ln 1-5/ right col 7, ln 17-20), the given conferee(

a user, para[0028], ln 1-5/ a one-line text messaging service, right col 7, ln 17-20), receiving at least one request from the given conferee (para[0028], ln 1-5/ para[0093], ln 1-5/ right col 7, ln 17-20), to enroll in conferencing services(right col 7, ln 17-20); receiving data representing at least one identifier relating to the given conferee(a telephone number, para[0028], ln 4-9/the caller dials the long distance number to reach a conference, para[0096], ln 1-4); data representing access information(numeric access codes, para[0028], ln 1-7/ para[0056], ln 1-5/ right col 7, ln 17-20), providing data representing access information to the given conferee(para[0028], ln 1-7/ para[0056], ln 1-5/ right col 7, ln 17-20), wherein the given conferee can request access to a given conference call using the access information(right col 7, ln 17-25), and configuring at least one component of a system related to supporting the at least one given conference call to connect the given conferee directly to the given conference call (An alternate interface allows all participants to receive calling instructions directly with support from the hosting instant messenger, chat, collaboration client. Each buddy number can be used for one call. To make additional calls, users must provide another conference, para[0113], ln 4-9), in response to recognition of at least one of the access information and the at least one unique identifier in at number using a standard or VoIP telephone and to enter the access code given to them. The call is received at the conferencing platform from at least two of the selected users. The conferencing platform matches the access codes entered by the at least two users, and places them into a conference call. As a result of this system, the selected users can communicate orally over the telephone network, para [0028], ln 4-11).

Shalit does not teach unique identifier. However, Peon teaches unique identifier (Each telecommunications service requires a unique telephone number. Examples of

telecommunications services that require a unique telephone number are automatic routing services, voicemail services, paging services, cellular phone services, and conference call service, col 2, ln 15-20).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Shalit with Peon to incorporate the feature of unique identifier because this provides an easy way access to variety of advances features with reside in a telephone network.

As to claim 2, Shalit teaches receiving at least one request from the given conferee includes receiving a request from a host to enroll in conferencing services (para [0093], ln 1-6).

As to claim 3, Shalit teaches receiving at least one request from the given conferee includes receiving a request from a participant associated with a given enrolled conference call host Para [0015], ln 1-7).

As to claim 4, Peon teaches receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one voice print of the conferee (col 5, ln 15-25).

As to claim 5, Shalit teaches receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one voice print of the conferee when the conferee enrolls to receive conferencing services (para [0028], ln 1-8).

As to claim 6, Peon teaches receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one of an e-mail address, a Universal Resource 25 Locator, a browser cookie, an IP address, and an SIP address (col 1, ln 64-67).

As to claim 8, it is an apparatus claim of claim 1; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 1 above.

As to claim 9, Peon teaches receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier associated to at least one device from which the given conference call host may originate at least one request to access the given conference call(col 3, ln 23-30).

As to claim 10, Shalit teaches receiving data includes receiving a unique telephone number to be dialed by the given conference call host (para [0096], ln 1-7).

As to claim 11, Shalit teaches wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the unique identifier from the given conference call host (para [0096], ln 1-7).

As to claim 12, Peon teaches receiving data representing the unique identifier from a device associated with the given conference call host (col 3, ln 23-30).

As to claim 13, Shalit teaches providing data includes providing at least one telephone 25 numbers to the given conference call (para [0096], ln 1-7).

As to claim 14, Shalit teaches configuring at least one component includes configuring the component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of the access information and the at least one unique identifier(para[0113], ln 4-9/ para[0028], ln 4-11).

As to claim 15, Shalit teaches receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one request from the given conference call host to subscribe to pre-paid conferencing services (para [0056], ln 1-5).

As to claim 16, Peon teaches receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one communication from the given conference call host to subscribe to conferencing services (col 1, ln 55-62).

As to claim 17, Peon teaches receiving data representing at least one unique identifier

includes automatically capturing the data representing the at least one identifier during the communication (col 2, ln 17-22).

As to claim 18, Peon teaches automatically capturing the data includes automatically capturing data identifying a handset from which the communication originated (col 2, ln 17-22).

As to claim 19, Shalit teaches the method of claim 18, wherein configuring at least one component includes populating at least part of a data store with the data identifying the handset (para [0028], ln 1-10).

As to claim 20, Shalit teaches receiving data representing at least a further unique identifier being associated with at least a further handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services(para[0028], ln 1-10).

As to claim 21, Shalit teaches receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a plurality of telephone numbers corresponding to a plurality of respective handsets from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services(para[0096], ln 1-20).

As to claim 22, Peone teaches wired handset from which the given conference call hosts may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services (col 2, ln 15-30).

As to claim 23, Peone teaches receiving data representing at least one identifier includes receiving data representing at least one telephone number associated with a wireless handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services(col 2, ln 15-20).

As to claim 24, Shalit teaches providing to the given conference call host data

representing at least a further telephone number, wherein the given conference call host can access conferencing services to a given conference call by dialing at least the further telephone number(para[0096], ln 1-10).

As to claim 25, Shalit teaches data representing at least one telephone number includes providing data representing a telephone number dedicated to only the given conference call host(para[0096], ln 1-10).

As to claim 26, Shalit teaches providing data representing at least one telephone number includes providing data representing a telephone number shared by a plurality of conference call hosts (para [0088], ln 1-3).

As to claims 27, 28, they are apparatus claims of claims 14, 15; therefore, they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 14, 15 above.

As to claim 29, Peon teaches representing the at least one unique identifier into a data store (col 10, ln 25-35).

As to claim 30, Peon teaches configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one voice response unit to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host(col 10, ln 25-35).

As to claims 31, 32, they are apparatus claims of claim 14; therefore, they are rejected for the same reason as claim 14 above.

As to claim 33, Peon teaches supporting at least one server that is adapted to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the

given conference call host(col 7, ln 42-50).

As to claims 34, 35, 36 they are apparatus claims of claim 14; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 14 above.

As to claim 37, Peon teaches configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without any further input from the given conference call host(col 12, ln 40-49).

As to claim 38, Peon teaches configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without entry of any further data by the given conference call host(col 12, ln 40-49).

As to claim 39, Peon teaches configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without entry of any further data by the given conference call host, besides dialing a telephone number to access conferencing services(col 12, ln 40-49).

As to claim 40, Peon teaches wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host(col 7, ln 20-28).

As to claims 41, 42, they are apparatus claims of claim 1; therefore, they are rejected for the same reason as claim 1 above.

5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Shalit (US 2002 /0122391 A1) in views of Peon et al (US. Patent 7,133665 B1), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Bieselin (US 5559875).

As to **claim 7**, Shalit and Peon do not teach biometric parameter associated with the conferee. However, Bieselin teaches biometric parameter associated with the conferee (speech processing which uses a conference participant's voice print to identify the conference participant speaking may be employed, col 7, ln 15-22).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Shalit and Peon with Bieselin to incorporate the feature of teach biometric parameter associated with the conferee because this provides the additional information, for example, the spoken names of the conference participants, to the user

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272 3767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomson, William can be reached on (571) 272 3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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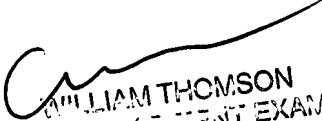
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